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THE CHILD (IYC)

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1. FOLLOWING DRAFT RESOLUTION SUBMITTED INFORMALLY
BY DUTCH TO SEVERAL DELEGATIONS WHO THEY HOPE WOULD
CO-SPONSOR. PLEASE ADVISE US POSITION ASAP AS IYC
IS ON TOMORROW'S AGENDA OF THIRD COMMITTEE:

2. "RESOLUTION ON THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE
CHILD - 1979

THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL,

HAVING CONSIDERED THE PROGRESS REPORT OF THE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN'S
FUND ON THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD - 1979,

NOTING WITH SATISFACTION THAT TO DATE 142 GOVERN-
MENTS HAVE INDICATED THEIR INTENTION TO RESPOND TO THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S RESOLUTION 31/169 PROCLAIMING 1979
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THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD AND THAT OF THESE
82 COUNTRIES HAVE ALREADY CREATED NATIONAL COMMISSIONS
FOR THE IYC,

NOTING WITH APPRECIATION THE EQUALLY POSITIVE
RESPONSE FROM THE ORGANIZATIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS
SYSTEM AND, NO LESS, FROM THE NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZA-

TIONS,

COMMENDING THE WORK OF THE INTER-AGENCY ADVISORY GROUP FOR IYC AND THE CREATION OF A SINGLE NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS' COMMITTEE FOR IYC, WHICH COMMITTEE IS A MEMBER OF THE ADVISORY GROUP.

(1) EXPRESSES ITS APPRECIATION TO THE UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN'S FUND FOR THE MANNER IN WHICH IT HAS CARRIED OUT THE RESPONSIBILITY OF "LEAD AGENCY" LAID UPON IT BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S RESOLUTION 31/169,

(2) REAFFIRMS THAT THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD IS INTENDED TO BE A YEAR FOR ACTION AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL SUPPORTED, WHERE CALLED FOR, BY ACTIVITIES AND CONSULTATIONS AT THE REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL LEVELS,

(3) EXPRESSES THE STRONG HOPE THAT EACH COUNTRY WILL TAKE THIS OCCASION TO REVIEW THE SITUATION OF ITS CHILDREN IN DEPTH, TO ELABORATE PLANS, INCLUDING THE SETTING OF REALISTIC GOALS, FOR THE INITIATION, EXTENSION OR IMPROVEMENT OF SERVICES MEETING THE PARTICULAR NEEDS OF ITS CHILDREN, AND TO PUT THOSE PLANS INTO ACTION IN THE COURSE OF 1979,

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(4) URGES, IN ADDITION, THE GOVERNMENTS OF ALL COUNTRIES IN A POSITION TO DO SO TO INCREASE THEIR ASSISTANCE TO PROGRAMMES BENEFITING CHILDREN IN THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WITH A VIEW TO HELPING THE GOVERNMENTS OF THESE COUNTRIES ENSURE THAT ALL CHILDREN WILL BE PROVIDED WITH AT LEAST THE MOST ESSENTIAL SERVICES BY THE END OF THE CENTURY,

(5) COMMENDS THOSE GOVERNMENTS WHO HAVE MADE VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARDS THE COST OF THE IYC SECRETARIAT AND URGES GOVERNMENTS WHO HAVE NOT YET DONE SO TO DO SO,

(6) TAKES NOTE OF THE MESSAGE SENT BY THE UNICEF EXECUTIVE BOARD TO THE TENTH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DEVOTED TO DISARMAMENT, WHICH APPEALS TO GOVERNMENTS TO ASSURE THAT AN ADEQUATE PORTION OF ANY SAVINGS THAT MAY RESULT FROM A REDUCTION ON EXPENDITURES ON ARMAMENTS IS CHANNELED THROUGH NATIONAL OR MULTINATIONAL PROGRAMMES TOWARD MEETING THE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS OF CHILDREN EVERYWHERE."

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